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ELECTIONS

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1. WE HAVE REACHED OUR NEXT CRUNCH POINT IN IMET PLANNING.
REFTEL A AUTHORIZED US TO CONTINUE PROCESSING 1978 IMET
TRAINEES THROUGH MARCH, 1978. EIGHT TRAINEES ARE SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN COURSES IN THE US IN APRIL, AND WE WOULD NORMALLY
GIVE THEM PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFS IN EARLY TO MID-MARCH.
WE THEREFORE NEED A DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE
THE PROGRAM.

2. RESOLUTION OF REPROCESSING ISSUE, AND OUR CONSEQUENT
CONCERN ABOUT IMET AND OTHER PROGRAMS, REVOLVES IN THE
IMMEDIATE INSTANCE AROUND FRENCH ELECTIONS IN MARCH. WE
BELIEVE IMETP SHOULD NOT BE INTERRUPTED WHILE THIS PROCESS
SORTS ITSELF OUT. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND EXTENDING
DEADLINE TO END OF JULY. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT BULK OF
THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED WHILE GIVING
US TIME TO MAKE A REASONED AND DELIBERATE DECISION ON
FUTURE OF IMETP ON THE BASIS OF OUR POLICY DIRECTION AFTER

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THOSE ELECTIONS. WE BELIEVE THE JUSTIFICATIONS FOR
CONTINUING THE PROGRAM CONTAINED IN REFS B AND C REMAIN
AS VALID NOW AS THEY WERE IN JANUARY AND THEREFORE ARGUE
FOR THE FURTHER EXTENSION.

3. ALL OF THIS ASSUMES, OF COURSE, THAT THE PROGRAM
COULD BE SUSPENDED AT ANY TIME IF PAKISTAN IS FOUND TO

BE FORMALLY IN VIOLATION OF THE GLENN AMENDMENT. WITH
THAT CAVEAT, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLEARANCE TO
CONTINUE IMET PROGRAMMING THROUGH JULY 31.
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